



Richardson Citizen Fire Academy Alumni Association

## Dallas Stair Climb Director to Speak at May Meeting

Our CFAAA May 28 speaker is John Barrett, Event Director, who will be representing the Dallas 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb. Dessert at 6:30 p.m. and meeting at 7:00 p.m. Please RSVP to [CFAAARsvp@gmail.com](mailto:CFAAARsvp@gmail.com) no later than noon, Friday, May 24.

To find out more about the memorial stair climb, go to <http://www.dallasstairclimb.com/>.

### Scholarship Award Winner Announced

The winner of the 2013 RCFAAA scholarship award is Kelsey Matus. Her dad is Captain Michael Matus who is a Captain at Station 6. Kelsey is a senior at Wills Point High School where she maintains a GPA of 3.8. She plans to enter a nursing program (she already has earned college credits) at Panola College located in Carthage Texas upon graduation from High School. She was Academic All District in volleyball for three years and was also placed on the First Team All District volleyball for three years.



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## President's Message

Hope you were at our last general meeting and got to experience the new driving simulator. What a great asset to the RFD. Amazing how technology could make us feel like we were actually moving.



Our brick count is at 235, with 18 more orders that have been committed. The bricks have been delivered to the engraver and we will start engraving once we reach 251 paid orders.

CFA Class 18 graduated on May 14. Our new CFAAA members from that class are Charlie Barnes, Sandi Edgar, Michael McBee, Claudia Tatum, Chris Trujillo and Vicki Chandler. Please welcome them to the CFAAA the next time you see them.

Another successful Wildflower! has come and gone. Hope you got to enjoy some of the entertainment. Thank you to all our volunteers that worked the First Aid tent.

Our \$1500 Scholarship winner has been announced...Kelsey Matus. You can read more about Kelsey in this newsletter.

Our Reunion Picnic is quickly approaching on June 25. Please be sure to mark your calendar and join us. An e-mail will go out as planning is finalized.

Debbie Conard





# Advisor's Message



## What's Happening at the Richardson Fire Department?

- Budget - We have completed the Fire Department Budget for FY 2013-2014. The next step is presenting to the City Manager's Office. We will see how things go from there.
- Wildflower Festival # 21 is over for another year. Thanks for all who stood by at the First Aid Tent.
- Graduation of Citizens Fire Academy Class # 18 took place Tuesday, May 14. Thanks to all who assisted in facilitating and mentoring during the class. Special thanks to Alicia for coordinating the facilitators. See class photo below.
- The Insurance Service Office (ISO) will conduct the grading of - Fire, Dispatch and Water Service for the city. We are hoping for a grade of ISO - 1.
- The Fire Department members received 3,263 hours of training in April 2013.



Steve Dossett

## Training Center Progress Photos



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Richardson Fire Training Center

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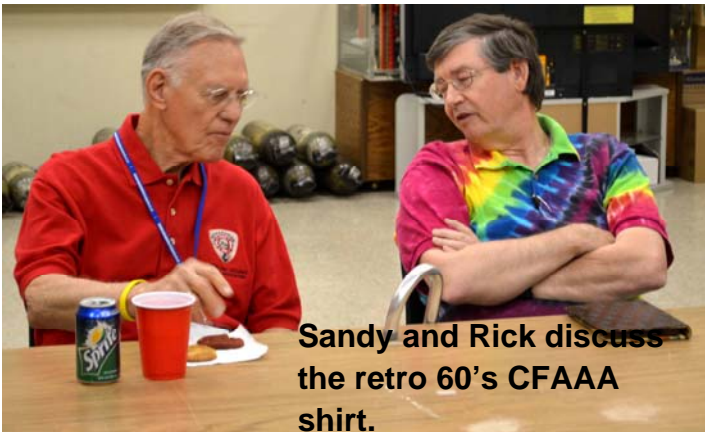
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# Driving Red

At our April 30<sup>th</sup> meeting, after a journey to old Station #4, we got to experience the new driving simulator. Battalion Chief Kenneth Jacks gave us the grand tour. Venturing into the trailer that contained the simulator, we saw at one end resembling an ambulance, the other a regular engine cab, and in the middle a master console. (It can also represent a chief's car.) This is one of three simulators in the state of Texas. The other two are in San Antonio and at Texas A&M. Ours was obtained through a grant. The Richardson Fire Department cannot charge others to use the simulator for one year after its arrival here. The simulator allows less wear and tear on regular fire driving apparatus.

The simulator was first encountered when Richardson obtained the Dept of Homeland Security grant money and went to a trade show in Indianapolis. There are five manufacturers of simulators and Chief Jacks drove them all. They were all very realistic. The RFD settled on the model from Doron Precision Systems.

From a lesson plan, they provide classes. The simulator can handle six people at a time for a four hour class. The classes consist of 28 scenarios. But beware, you CAN get motion sickness if you do not look head on into the simulator. If you do get sick, you're done for the day. You can't open the windows in the screens. But if you want a change of scenery, the simulator can be programmed for city, country, residential, cones, airport, and even if a vehicle crosses your path during the simulation run, an accident, as several shattered windshields appeared under unpleasant circumstances. And if you're adventurous, a change of weather can be programmed to experience different incidents for braking and slides.



**Sandy and Rick discuss the retro 60's CFAAA shirt.**

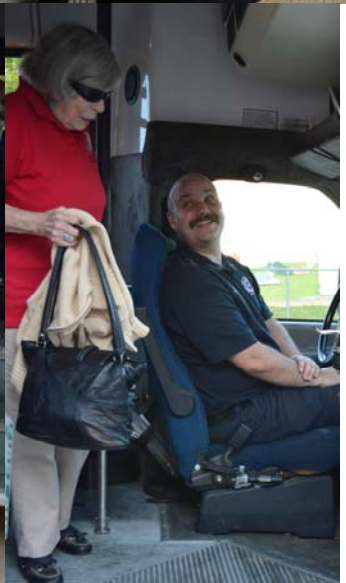


Photos courtesy of John Shea.

New member Charles Barnes.



Nice legs, Sandy...



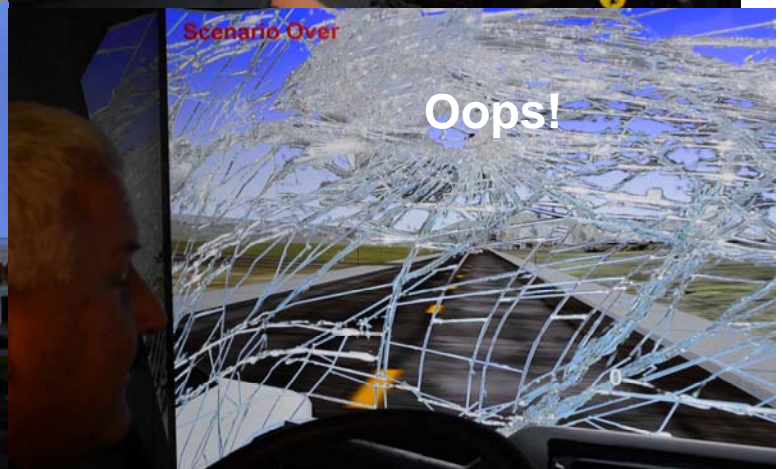
Photos courtesy  
of John Shea.



Ambulance Simulation



Master Control



Photos courtesy of John Shea.

# CFA Class #18, Session 8-Extraction

Photos courtesy of Debbie Conard and John Douglas.





## CFA Class #18, Session 9-Live Burn



Photos courtesy  
of John Douglas  
and Debbie  
Conard.





Photos courtesy of John Douglas and Debbie Conard.



## CFA Class 18, Session 10 Emergency Mgt.





Photos  
courtesy of  
John  
Douglas.



## CFA Class 18, Session 11—Graduation



Photos courtesy of John Douglas.



# Employer Matching Fund for Volunteering

Member Travis Day relates:

Verizon has an extensive volunteer incentive program. One of the options is a grant based on hours volunteered.

The grant is a fixed amount based on a minimum number of hours per calendar year.

The organization benefiting from the volunteer service must be a designated 501c3 organization.

The company has a specific and separate foundation dedicated to volunteer and charity service. This foundation operates a web site where the volunteer specifies the designated 501c3 organization (which can be subject to confirmation).

Then the volunteer is required, via the web site, to keep a volunteer journal noting hours served, date, organization, summary of activity, location of service, and a description of how the volunteer service benefits the community.

Once the minimum required hours are met, the volunteer can submit the hours for review while at the same time requesting the grant amount.

The foundation contacts the 501c3 organization to verify the hours, confirms the request, then submits a grant during the next quarter.

## CFA Class 18 Thank you!

Thanks to all the CFA facilitators who helped with CFA Class 18. The time and effort is well-appreciated. Our last time to facilitate at the current training center!

Donna Leach  
Lela Paksoy  
Ray Knodel  
Rick Wilder  
Bob Schneider  
David Gibbs  
Merry Trujillo  
Ron Bemis  
Ron Domke  
Jerry Gray  
Gary Reim  
Travis Day  
Susan Schneider  
Alicia Marshall

Photographers: Debbie Conard, John Douglas.

**Set the Date!**  
**REUNION PICNIC**  
**June 25, 2013**  
**6:30 p.m.**  
**Place TBD**  
**(someplace without  
flies)**



## New Members as of the April Meeting:

Charlie Barnes, Sandi Edgar, Michael McBee, Claudia Tatum, Chris Trujillo and Vicki Chandler.  
Welcome aboard!

**Elsewhere:** Alicia at the Richardson Emergency Management booth at Wildflower.



## Эй, моряк!

Dear Captain Smith and My Sea Daddy,

Since you are a very big wheel in United States Naval Intelligence, I thought I should give you a 'heads-up.'

Last night I was in a bar near the river that flows from the Gulf of Mexico to Dallas. I was wearing my uniform to impress the girls. While there I met the three officers in this photo. We had our picture taken together. The photo is attached.

They told me that they were Russian Naval officers and they had just brought a nuclear attack submarine, undetected, from the Gulf of Mexico to Dallas. I remember that you told me, "Never trust a sailor with a mustache," so I am letting you know!

Very respectfully,  
Your Sea Son - Captain Douglas

## Preview of Coming Attractions:





Photos courtesy of Steve Jennings.





Sat. Aft. Shift



Sun. Aft. Shift



Smokejumpers?

Yogurt anyone?



Tree hugger John



Ahhh! Just the right spot.



Just koozy!



Jenga!!!!



Patients? (need sunblock)

Photos courtesy of Debbie Conard, Alicia Marshall, Steve Jennings, and John Shea.

# TCFAAA Update

Plano hosted the meeting at their new William E. Peterson Emergency Operations / Training Center behind the New Station 12 Complex at 4125 W. Parker Rd, 2 blocks west of Coit Rd.

This is a \$12 million complex on 4.1 acres that was completed in Feb, 2010.

Plano's new Fire Chief Brian Crawford welcomed all the TCFAAA delegates from the north Texas area. Chief Crawford arrived in Dec, 2012 from Shreveport, LA after serving in the F.D. 27 years and as City Manager 1.5 years. He continues the legacy started by previous Fire Chiefs Bill Peterson and Hugo Esparza to keep Plano a top rated Class 1 F.D.

Plano's population over 65 is booming with new construction of Assisted Living and Retirement Centers being the largest construction activity now. Structure fire calls only represent 3-5%, while EMS / Medical calls are now 68% and growing due to the increased older population growth.

"Priority Dispatch" is the latest trend in the F.D. to separate the true Emergency needs from the routine medical calls. In many cases, it is not necessary to send a fully staffed Quint Fire Truck and Emergency EMS/Paramedic Ambulance to every Medical needs call. In Sept 2013, Plano will launch a new "Rescue Squad Response Vehicle" program using Chevy Suburbans with 2 EMS trained personnel to handle the routine medical calls. This will keep the expensive Fire Trucks, Ambulances, FFs and EMS/Paramedics for true medical emergency and structure fire calls and use the assets more effectively.

Plano's EMS Medical Control is handled by the Medical Director at the Medical Center of Plano Hospital which also has a 24/7 Trauma Center.

Asst Chief Jim Dickerson gave a PowerPoint Presentation on Plano's "Hands Only" CPR initiative. Capt. Peggy Harrell and PFRA Liaison gave us a demonstration of the AHA "Friends & Family CPR" anytime training kit which uses a portable inflatable mannequin. She also showed a Video - "Hard & Fast" that features group awareness and CPR training using the music from the "Stayin Alive" disco movie. Important Steps- Call 911, get help in route, start chest compressions using the heel of the hand, and get directly over the victim to make the compressions more effective. John Douglas and Irene Redwine hope to bring some of Plano's techniques to our CPR Training Program.

## **Member CityReports:**

**MANSFIELD** - "Boots &Bistro" taste of Mansfield on 4/25 raised \$ 15,000 in 4 hrs to support the F.D. on non-budgeted items.

**ROANOKE** - CFA Class #12 completed, "Celebrate Roanoke" scheduled on July 3rd.

**FRISCO** - The new Director of Public Safety is Todd Renshaw, Frisco's Police Chief for 19 years. He is overseeing a national search for a new Fire Chief to replace Mack Borchardt who retired and is now doing Grants consultation for Frisco. (Editor's note: Frisco's new Fire Chief is Mark Piland.

**IRVING** - CFA Class 22 graduated last week, "Fill the Boot" for MDA this weekend, Station of the Month continues, and CFAAA Appreciation Dinner by the F.D. Irving's Chaplain JR Duncan participated in the Memorial Service in Waco for the Fallen Fire Fighters from the West, TXx explosion.

**MCKINNEY** - Our newest member city has come back with Stacy as the McKinney FD liaison to the CFAAA. Just finished CFA Class 17.

## TCFAAA Update, continued

**PLANO** - In April, the PFRA helped the PFD install 81 Smoke Detectors and replace old batteries. The "Above & Beyond" awards program recognized FF Chris Jefferson for his unique service. The Annual FD Picnic was held at the Heritage Farm Museum & Park, and CFA Class 36 will graduate shortly.

**RICHARDSON** - CFA Class 18 graduates next week. The Brick Fundraiser project for the new Training Center sold 230+ engraved bricks for the "Walk of Honor" which will be completed this Fall. Our 2013 Scholarship Program had 5 applicants and the winner will be announced at next month's meeting. For National Telecommunications Week, we provided fruit and cookie baskets to all 3 shifts of Dispatchers at the 911 Call Center.

Richardson received a Federal Grant to purchase a \$400,000+ Emergency Driver Training Simulator which has a full fire truck cab at one end and an ambulance cab at the other end to train driver operators and paramedics on each vehicle using computer graphics and video screen to create real time driving conditions in the simulator. After the 1st year of operation, this training unit will be used as a regional North Texas resource to help other fire departments.

The CPR Instructor Training Program was reviewed by John Douglas. So far, Group 1 has 7 trained, Group 2 has 7 nearing completion and CFA Class 18 has 11 who want to get the CPR training. John Douglas and Irene Redwine hope to include some of the ideas from the Plano "Hands Only" CPR program into the Richardson program.

Our thanks Richardson CFAAA members Debbie Conard, Bob Schneider, Steve Jennings, Ron Domke, Rich Hardin, John Douglas and his friend Don Champlin for representing Richardson at the meeting. (Editor's note: Richardson CFAAA member John Shea was representing Frisco. The traitor!)

### Future TCFAAA Meetings:

July, 2013 To be hosted by Frisco. Date to be determined.

Sept, 2013 To be hosted by Mansfield. Date to be determined.

Nov, 2013 To be hosted by McKinney. Date to be determined.

The TCFAAA voted to make a \$500 donation to the Fallen Firefighters in West, TX through the Texas Fallen Firefighter Task Force to help the family and friends in West.

Submitted by Rich Hardin, Richardson Primary Delegate.



Photo courtesy of  
Debbie Conard.



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ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

## Dues Statement

PLEASE PAY THE FOLLOWING ITEM

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RCFAAA

Phone: 972-744-5752

c/o Richardson Fire Department

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136 N. Greenville Avenue  
Richardson, TX 75081

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\* Sizes: S, M, L, XL, ...additional sizes and extra cost associated with the larger sizes. \$2.00 per size for each above XL – i.e. 2XL - \$2.00;  
3XL - \$4.00; 4XL - \$6.00 (these changes are automatically calculated within this form).

\*\* Occasionally there will be shipping charges when not available at a local distributor - especially on the jackets. Currently the shipping charge on the jacket is \$7.00 to \$7.95. Total would be: cost of jacket \$25.00 for regular sizes plus \$7.00 or \$7.95 for shipping.

You will be ordering through the CFAAA designee (currently David Gibbs) not directly with Abracadabra.

After our initial order, we can order in smaller quantities. However, we must order at least 12 caps at one time to stay at the above price. Item will be monogrammed with the new CFAAA logo.

Add Name: \$5 per item will be added to the "Amount"; if you wish your shirt/jacket to have your First Name Last Name embroidered on it, the name will be as shown in the box for "Member Name".

Thank You.

We appreciate your commitment.

## Internal Use Only

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The mission of the Richardson Citizen Fire Academy Alumni Association (RCFAAA) is to function in an auxiliary capacity to assist, promote, and support the Richardson Fire Department through service, education and recognition.

## June 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30			1			1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14 	15
16	17	18	19 Board Meeting	20	21	22
23	24	25 Reunion Picnic	26	27	28	29

We're on the Web at: <http://www.cor.net/index.aspx?page=180>.

## COMING EVENTS—MAY—SEPT 2013

May 28, 2013: General Meeting.

June 19, 2013: Board Meeting.

June 25, 2013: Reunion Picnic.

July 4, 2013: 4th of July, Breckinridge Park.

July 24, 2013: Board Meeting.

July 30, 2013: General Meeting.

August 21, 2013: Board Meeting.

August 28, 2013: General Meeting.

September 7, 2013: Dallas 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb.

## CFAAA Board Meeting Schedule for 2013

January 23, 2013

February 20, 2013

March 20, 2013

April 24, 2013

May 22, 2013

June 19, 2013

July 24, 2013

August 21, 2013

September 18, 2013

October 23, 2013

November 13, 2013

December 18, 2013

"Board meetings are open to any CFAAA member. They are held at 6:00 P.M. in the conference room at the RFD Administration offices on Greenville Avenue. Meetings have moved from Monday to Wednesday nights."

**Heartwarmers:** A condolence card to Bonnie Roth on the death of her brother.

A get well card to L.S. Palmer, a retired Fire Fighter, who had surgery.

A get well card to Rick Wilder – he broke his ankle.